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The Honourable  
Warren Christopher,  
Acting Secretary of State,  
Room 7220,  
U.S. Department of State,  
WASHINGTON D.C. 20520.

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Dear Mr. Christopher,

In my capacity, both as Ambassador in Washington and as doyen of South Africa's ambassadors abroad, I write to convey on behalf of our Foreign Service our deepest sympathy at the loss which the United States Foreign Service has sustained in the tragic and apparently unnecessary death of Ambassador Adolph Dubs.

The forces of violence around the world are increasingly exposing members of diplomatic missions to the horrors of kidnapping, hostage taking and assassination. More so than at any recent time in history, diplomats are in the front line and American diplomats in particular have taken a heavy toll. Ambassador Dubs and other United States ambassadors who have paid with their lives, have set an example of steadfast devotion to duty which commands the admiration of all of us who serve in a foreign service.

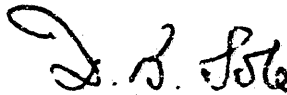
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We in the South African Foreign Service mourn with  
you and your colleagues.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'D. B. Sole', written in a cursive style.

DONALD B. SOLE  
Ambassador

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